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SUBJECT: WILL GISCARD ATTEND EC SUMMIT DINNER?

1. AS WE REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, THE DANES ARE STILL WORRYING OVER THE EFFECTS OF THE PRO-MITTERAND STATEMENT PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN MADE AT THE WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 23. THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT GISCARD WILL SOMEHOW SHOW HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE DANES IN THE UP-COMING EC CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN 7 AND 8.

2. MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY THIS MORNING THAT GISCARD HAS MADE IT KNOWN THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT PRIVATE DINNER ON APRIL 7. SINCE THIS IS THE HIGH POINT OF THE EC SUMMIT MEETING WHERE THE CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE ALONE TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, I BELIEVE GISCARD'S ABSENCE WOULD BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN'S EFFORTS TO MAKE THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT A SUCCESS. APPARENTLY THE DANES ARE STILL HOPING TO CONVINCE GISCARD TO CHANGE HIS MIND BUT IN ANY CASE PRESIDENT
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GISCARD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN WHAT HE CONSIDERED ANKER JORGENSEN'S UNJUSTIFIED INTERVENTION IN FRENCH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.
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